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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application: )  
Mark A. Stansbury ) Before the Examiner  
Serial No. 10/669,829 )  
Filed September 24, 2003 ) Group Art Unit 3632  
FURNACE MOUNT AND METHOD )  
OF INSTALLATION ) Our Ref.: 27028-5

DECLARATION OF

I, Ron Jackson, hereby swear and affirm as follows:

1. I am President of Jackson Systems, Indianapolis, IN. Our business is the manufacturing and wholesale distribution of heating, ventilation and air conditioning products. As part of this work we manufacture and sell furnace ventilation equipment and thermostats, and we purchase and re-sale NSA Products Furnace Mounting Blocks. It is important to note that I am an inventor and entrepreneur who have numerous patents issued on some of the products we manufacture at Jackson Systems for this industry and I recognize the intellectual property and unique inventiveness of the NSA Products' Furnace Mounting Block.

2. In particular, our company has purchased and re-sold the NSA Products, Inc. Furnace Mounting Blocks. Such Furnace Mounting Blocks are the type generally illustrated in the drawings labeled Figs. 5-10 and attached here as Exhibit A.

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3. Prior to NSA Products' furnace mounting block, I had never seen a light-weight furnace mounting block system of this type for elevating the furnace from the floor.

4. I consider the Furnace Mounting Block of NSA Products to be a fabulous invention. The Furnace Mounting Block system as compared to previous techniques, such as utilizing masonry blocks to hold the furnace off of the floor, leads to a significantly enhanced installation. The Furnace Mounting Block also improves the quality of the installer's work day by eliminating the need to carry heavy masonry blocks to the job site and affording in many jobs the option to slide the furnace into position while seated on the furnace mounting blocks. When using masonry blocks the furnace and masonry blocks move separately when the furnace is adjusted into place. With the NSA Furnace Mounting Blocks the blocks and the furnace move together as one unit. Thereby, providing an installation time saving of about fifteen minutes for many installations.

5. In my experience, prior to NSA Products' Furnace Mounting Blocks, utilization of masonry blocks to install a furnace was a given - it was just the way it was done.

6. NSA Products' Furnace Mounting Block provides a simple but powerful solution to the problems associated with mounting furnaces above the floor. Because of the many benefits associated with the product, our company has adopted the Furnace Mounting Blocks as our recommended preferred means for mechanical service contractors to mount furnaces above the floor.

7. Other than being a satisfied customer, I have no financial interest in NSA Products or its patent application.

8. I, being hereby warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001, declare

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that the facts set forth in the Declaration are true; all statements made of my own knowledge are true; and all statements made on information are believed to be true.

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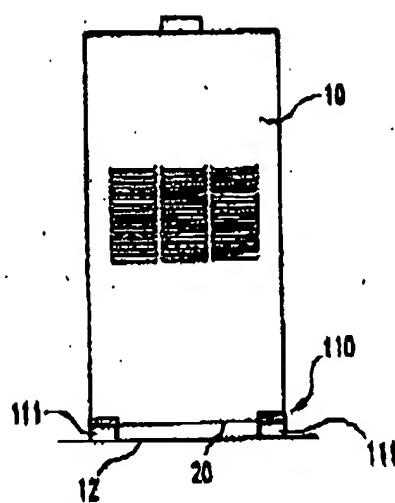


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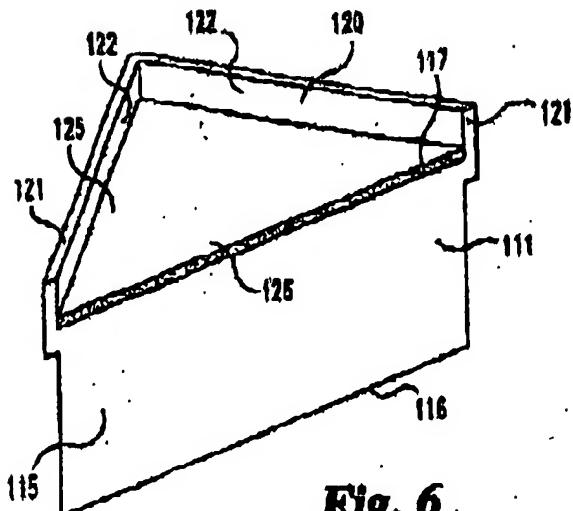


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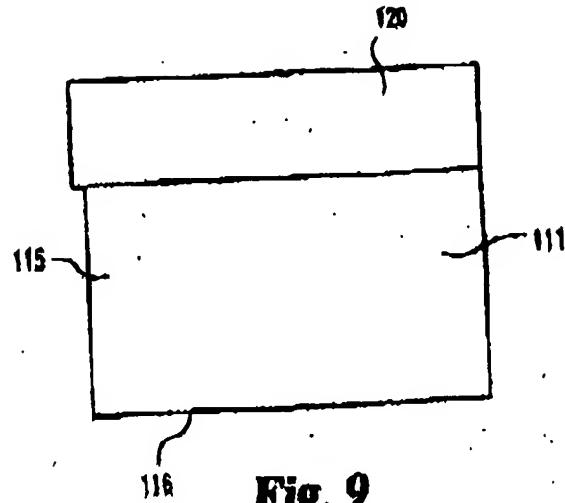


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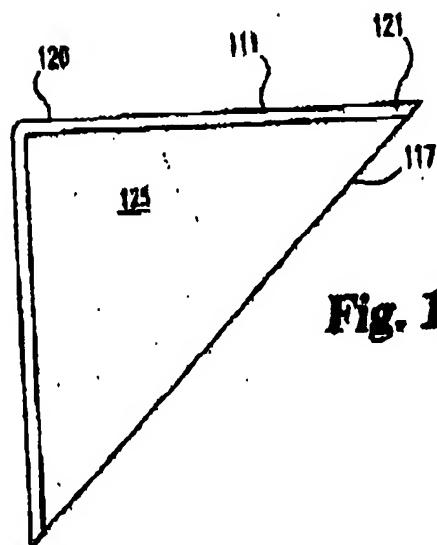


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